

**FAUNA ASOCIADA A LAS RAICES DE *EICHHORNIA CRASSIPES*
EN EL RIO CORRENTOSO (PROV. DE SANTA FE):
ESTUDIO PRELIMINAR***

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RESUMEN

Se dan a conocer los distintos grupos de organismos del hipopleuston del río Correntoso. Se estimaron sus densidades absoluta y relativa, como así también la biomasa de la fauna de mayor tamaño. Las macrófitas estuvieron representadas por *Eichhornia crassipes*, alternando en algunas ocasiones con *Paspalum repens*. Los grupos representados fueron los siguientes: Tecamebianos, Nematodes, Oligoquetos, Rotíferos, Microcrustáceos, Anfípodos, Decápodos e Insectos. Los Microcrustáceos y Oligoquetos fueron los que registraron la máxima numerosidad. La composición de la fauna resultó heterogénea, espacial y temporalmente, tanto en el aspecto cual como cuantitativo. La densidad de la fauna acuática asociada a *E. crassipes* varió entre 793 y 70000 ind./m² y la biomasa total entre 0,7 y 15289 mg/m².

ABSTRACT

**Preliminary study of the fauna associated to the *Eichhornia crassipes* roots
in the Correntoso river (Santa Fe prov.)**

Different groups of organisms of the hypopleuston from the Correntoso river have been studied. Their absolute and relative densities were estimated as well as the biomass of the largest size fauna. The aquatic macrophytes studied were *Eichhornia crassipes* sometimes mixed with *Paspalum repens*. The groups detected were the following: Tecamoeba, Nemata, Oligochaeta, Rotifera, Microcrustacea, Amphipoda, Decapoda and Insecta. The Microcrustacea and Oligochaeta were dominant in number. The faunal

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composition was heterogeneous in different places and at different times also, both qualitatively and quantitatively. The density of the aquatic fauna associated with *E. crassipes* ranked between 793 and 70000 organisms/m² and the biomass between 0,7 and 15289 mg/m².

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